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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF IAEA DG DESCRIBED
REFS CAND D TO KEEP BUDGETARY EXPENSES DOWN WHILE STILL
MAINTAINING EFFECTIVENESS OF ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS. REVIEW
OF AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1974 INDICATES FINE JOB OF TRIMMING
LESS ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND APPLYING SAVINGS TO THOSE WITH
HIGHER PRIORITY. PROPOSED METHOD OF HANDLING SHORTFALL IN
1975 WITHOUT ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ON MEMBERS (REF C) ALSO
MERITS COMMENDATION. FINALLY, RESTRICTION OF PROGRAM
GROWTH TO 5.1 PERCENT, MUCH OF WHICH IS FOCUSED ON IN-
CREASINGLY IMPORTANT PROGRAMS, CONFORMS WITH US ASPIRATIONS.

2. IN VIEW OF SEVERE BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS UNDER WHICH USG
NOW OPERATING, WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH AT A&B COMMITTEE
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MEETING WOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN IMPETUS TOWARDS ECONOMY WHICH

HAS ALREADY SCORED SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT TOTAL REGULAR BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1976 OF DOLS 37.4 MILLION MIGHT BE PARED, BY ELIMINATION OF LESS-THAN-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, TO A LEVEL CLOSER TO DOLS 35 MILLION.

SOME SUGGESTIONS WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVEMENT THIS GOAL ARE INCLUDED BELOW AMONG GENERAL AND PROGRAM COMMENTS, AND MAY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH MISSION'S OWN IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF POTENTIAL SAVINGS.

3. GENERAL COMMENTS. DG SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE DELAYED RECRUITMENT, REDUCTION OFFICIAL TRAVEL AND CONSULTANTS' SERVICES, AND MINIMIZING MEETING COSTS AS DESCRIBED REF C. HE MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER REDUCING OVERTIME, AND DELAYING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CONTRACTS. IN ADDITION, HE MIGHT SCRUTINIZE MEETINGS AND STUDIES TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF DUPLICATION. IN VIEW OF INCREASE IN POSITIONS PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED MANNING TABLE FOR 1976, HE SHOULD CONSIDER ABOLITION OF POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED WHICH MAY HAVE BECOME marginally PRODUCTIVE.

4. PROGRAM COMMENTS ON GOV 1733 FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

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